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1. [REDACTED] nervously speculating about possible Russian troop movements. These men are under constant Russian surveillance and do not communicate Russian orders outside their shops, even to the Ministry of Transportation. The following items form the basis for their apprehension.
2. On 19 and 20 December 1947, four trains of 25 flatcars each (4 and 6 axles) were sent to Hegyeshalom, Hungary, under supervision of Russian military personnel. Cars of this type are usually employed for the shipment of tanks. Three trains of 25 closed and 25 open freight cars each were also sent to Hegyeshalom on 23 December 1947. These cars are usually employed for troop movements.
3. A Russian general, whose identity is not known to railway personnel, made an inspection tour by electric locomotive of the West-Bahn route as far as the Sanns bridge on 17 or 18 December 1947. This is the first time such an inspection has taken place. 25X1A
4. [REDACTED] observe railroad activities in the Soviet zone, reports that on 22 January 1948 the Soviets ordered ten trains, each of fifty railroad cars, to be assembled in the yards between Stadlau-Mataleinsdorf (Vienna) and St. Pölten, Lower Austria, and dispatched to Bruck an der Leitha, Lower Austria.
5. In addition to the ten trains mentioned above, another fifty trains, each of fifty cars, were ordered assembled at other points in Lower Austria, including Wiener-Neustadt and St. Pölten.
6. In the past, such Soviet concentrations of railroad cars have often indicated Soviet troop movements.

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